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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-66: Probable Developments in Argentina

1. NIE-66 was initiated at the request of Mr. Armstrong for the purpose of evaluating current reports of an impending political crisis in Argentina and estimating probable developments.
2. The draft text submitted to the IAC is fully agreed at the level of the IAC representatives, subject to the Corrigendum distributed on 4 June. There is no indication that any issue will be raised at the IAC.
3. The object of the Corrigendum is to take explicit account of the matters presented in Col. King's memoranda to the Deputy Director (Plans), 25 April, 6 May, 21 May, which have also been reported on by Alagna Montevideo 3 June, attached hereto. The Corrigendum does not modify the Conclusions.
4. Early in our discussions the Air Force and Army representatives pressed for conclusions to the effect that Peron is a dictator and that his anti-US attitude is a bad thing from the US point of view. These conclusions were excluded by the Board on the ground that they were obvious and not germane to the immediate problem. The Air Force and Army appear to have accepted this ruling and are unlikely to press for such conclusions at the IAC.
5. On account of the revolution in Bolivia there was also a tendency to expand the estimate to include the extent of Peron's influence and machinations in other countries. This subject is touched on in the Discussion, but is not fully developed on the grounds that (1) it is not germane to the immediate problem and (2) it is expressly to be covered in NIE-70. To reach conclusions on the subject in NIE-66 would be prejudicial to its more thorough examination in NIE-70.

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